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SUBJECT: NOVOYE VREMYA SUPPORTS REGIONAL REPROCESSING CENTERS

1. NOVOYE VREMYA OF SEPTEMBER 3 (NUMBER 36) HAS THREE
PAGE ARTICLE ON NON-PROLIFERATION BY I. DMITRIYEV WHICH
STATES THAT "THE SOVIET UNION SUPPORTS THE CONSTRUCTION
OF MULTINATIONAL REGIONAL REPROCESSING CENTERS." REASONS
ARGUING FOR SUCH CENTERS, ACCORDING TO DMITRIYEV, ARE
THAT THEY WOULD: (A) BE MORE ECONOMICAL; (B) ACCUMULATE
RADIOACTIVE WASTES IN SUBSTANTIALLY FEWER PLACES; (C)

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MAXIMIZE RADIATION SECURITY; (D) PERMIT THE ORGANIZA-

TION OF EFFECTIVE IAEA CONTROL.

2. ARTICLE PRAISES USSR'S OBSERVANCE OF IAEA SAFE-GUARDS AND SLAPS AT CERTAIN, UNNAMED "WESTERN COUNTRIES" WHICH PLACE THEIR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS ABOVE THEIR INTEREST IN "PEACE AND SECURITY" BY PARTICIPATING IN "ATOMIC PROLIFERATION" IN COUNTRIES NOT ADHERING TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA, AND BRAZIL TAKE MOST OF BEATING AS DOES THE FRG AMONG THE SUPPLIERS. LONDON SUPPLIERS "CLUB" WITH ITS 11 MEMBERS (INCLUDING USSR) COMES IN FOR FAVORABLE MENTION.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST MENTION IN SOVIET PRESS WE HAVE SEEN OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF REGIONAL REPROCESSING CENTERS. WE KNOW FROM OUR CONTACTS WITH PAKISTANI HERE THAT NOVOYE VREMYA ARTICLE HAS BEEN SEVERAL WEEKS IN PREPARATION SINCE PAKS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EDITORS FOR FEAR THAT PAKISTAN WOULD COME IN FOR MAJOR ATTENTION AND BLAME FOR DEAL WITH FRANCE. IN FACT, THEY ESCAPE WITH ONLY BRIEFEST MENTION AND, ALONG WITH FRANCE, SHARE NONE OF OPPROBRIUM THAT OTHER RECEIVED. PAK MINISTER TOLD US SEPTEMBER 6 THEY FEEL THEY HAVE GOTTEN OFF FAIRLY EASY, ALTHOUGH SIDE TOWARD WHICH SOVIETS ARE LEANING IS CLEAR ENOUGH. STOESSEL

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